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SERIOUS FLOOD DAMAGE IS REPORTED IN SOUTH

Eastern North Carolina, Where Heavy Rains Fell Last Night and Today, Probably Worse Sufferer—Loss in Catawba Section Due More to Continued Rains

By the Associated Press.
Washington, July 23.—As a result of the rains which began in the mountains of West Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia last week the rivers in the lowlands are flooded with serious damage to crops. In the last 24 hours rains have practically ceased in the mountains and it is believed conditions will become better.

SERIOUS FLOOD DAMAGE IN EASTERN CAROLINA

By the Associated Press.
Raleigh, July 23.—Reports from eastern North Carolina indicate that rains which have prevailed for more than a week have caused more or less serious damage to crops in all sections of the state.

A number of rivers are reported out of banks seriously damaging growing crops. Western North Carolina also is suffering from rains, but reports indicate that the loss is not great.

The downpour continued today with no sign of a let-up in the eastern part of the state.

From Fayetteville it is reported that the Cape Fear has flooded the lowlands in a number of places in that vicinity, crops being damaged by high water. Other streams, notably the Neuse and Tar rivers, also are reported out of their banks. All rivers are reported to be rising today following hard rains of last night and this morning and it is feared that further damage will be done.

Cotton, tobacco and corn seem to be suffering most from the water.

From Rocky Mount it was reported that Tar river was three inches over the flood mark at noon today and was continuing to rise following a 3 1-2 inch rainfall last night. This is said to be the highest stage the river has reached in years. A number of families who live near the stream have been forced to leave.

Several bridges are under water, but so far as reported none have been washed away. A number of closed bridges over smaller streams in various sections of the county are washed away.

WATER DAMAGE HERE GREATER THAN FRESHET

Crop damage in western North Carolina by reason of swollen streams and continued rains cannot be estimated, but it will run into the thousands of dollars. Corn and cotton, while apparently looking good now, may deteriorate as a result of too much moisture and the shortage may not be known until gathering time. This will be the case with cotton more than with the other field crops.

Reports from various sections say that hundreds of watermelon patches along river bottoms particularly the Yadkin which passes through Davidson and Rowan counties, have been destroyed and a report to the Record from Salisbury today stated that many melons had been seen going down stream. What melons have not been washed away have an accumulation of water that will impair the flavor.

There was no rain in Hickory up to early afternoon, but the conditions were right for more showers. The rainfall for two days has not been enormous, but the land does not get a chance to dry off before another soaking shower falls. Monday afternoon farmers at some places were able to break land and a few days of sunshine will enable them to plow most any upland, where grass and weeds are getting a hold. The weather forecast today gave no promise for tomorrow. It may be Sunday before the weather clears and if some of the old signs are true, we may expect wet weather until the middle of August.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS HOLD CONFERENCE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, July 23.—House Republicans were notified today that tonight a party conference would consider any questions presented, although discussion was expected to center about proposed legislation in committee. The plan is to complete work and adjourn late next month.

TO SIGN TREATIES WITH TWO STATES

By the Associated Press.
Washington, July 23.—The United States will sign the treaties with Bulgaria and Turkey, it was announced today at the state department.

WELCOME HOME SERVICE FOR BOYS

Next Sunday will be a day of welcome to our boys returned home safely from the service in St. Marks Ev. Lutheran church at Claremont, St. John's Ev. Lutheran church, near Conover, Rev. J. C. Koepplin pastor, participating. From these two congregations seventeen were enlisted, a few seeing service in this country, but the majority were in France. A few of them were on the battle line for days and weeks, but not one received injury. The congregations represented feel that a service of Thanksgiving unto divine providence is much in place for the closing of the war and for the safe and happy return of these men who helped to win it. This service will take place in the morning. After the noonday luncheon, which will be served in the grove side of the church and a few hours of social visiting, a religious patriotic program will be given out in the grove, if the weather permits, otherwise in the church. It is understood that not only the soldier boys of these two congregations, but all others of the community will be given a hearty greeting by the citizens who will delight in doing them this well deserved honor, before they go out into their civil occupations, would like to see them together and, if possible in their uniforms, in which they did such splendid service in behalf of their home and country.

MEDALS AWARDED TAR HEEL SOLDIERS

By the Associated Press.
Washington July 23.—Awards of the distinguished service medals include: Sergeants Paul G. Hawkins of Kinston, N. C., Thomas W. Carlisle of Tarboro, N. C., John T. Wells of Watha, N. C.

Corporal Emery L. Butler of Landis, N. C.

Private Thomas A. Mooreland of Concord, N. C., Edward Blanchard of Fayetteville, Luther C. Griffith of Reidsville, Buck A. Parker (deceased) of Ingold, Henry H. Hall of Hope Mills.

BROOKFORD ROAD SAID TO BE GOOD

That Brookford road which a few weeks ago was a regular fright is now said to be in fairly good condition, and autoists are singing the praises of a strip one-fourth of a mile long, where sand from the river has been placed on the road. At this point the highway is firm and is equal to the whole distance from Hickory to Brookford will be given a deep covering of river sand to make it stand up under the hard weather of winter.

CONVICTED OFFICER OF SELLING LIQUOR

By the Associated Press.
Huntington, W. Va., July 23.—Seized by a gang of alleged moonshiners, brought before a Great Briar justice of the peace and convicted of bootlegging was the experience of H. R. Hatliff of Hinton, W. Va., a state prohibition officer, who returned late yesterday from an investigation tour into the hills.

SOME ODD CORN

Mr. S. E. Drum of West Hickory pulled an ear of corn today that proved to be five ears. The main ear was normal and the grains well formed and around the central ears were four smaller ones, the whole reminding one of an eagle's talon when closed. Mr. Drum will have the corn on display at Baker's store in West Hickory.

FOREST FIRES ARE SERIOUS IN WEST

By the Associated Press.
Washington, July 23.—Congress was asked today by Secretary Lane for a special appropriation of \$500,000 to fight forest fires in Montana, Idaho and Washington. Latest reports from Idaho, he said, declared "the fires cannot be extinguished except by a heavy rain of which there was no immediate prospect."



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DECORATED FOR HIS 148 WOUNDS

This picture shows Private Felice Crispi, Italy's most decorated warrior who came to New York aboard the Francesco. Crispi is the Alvin York of Italy. He bears the scars of 148 wounds. Crispi is one of the eighteen soldiers to receive the gold Medal of Honor. This is the highest Italian award. He also wears the French Croix de Guerre, the English D. S. C. and the Order of the Italian Chevalier of Honor. Crispi is on his way home. He lives in Ottawa, Canada.

PRESIDENT SEES SENATORS IN STUDY

By the Associated Press.
Washington, July 23.—Conferences with Republican senators on the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant were continued at the White House today.

Senators on the visiting list were Page of Vermont, Sterling of South Dakota, McLean of Connecticut and Newberry of Michigan.

Mr. Wilson's condition continued to improve today and it was expected that in a few days he would have entirely recovered from the effects of an attack of intestinal trouble. The president, however, continues weak and for that reason held conferences in his study room instead of the executive office.

Inquiries at the White House concerning reports that the Shantung provision of the peace treaty was President Wilson's personal solution of the problem brought neither confirmation nor denial, but information that the president would not discuss the question.

2.75 PER CENT BEER UP TO HIGHER COURT

Washington, July 23.—The question of the right of brewers to manufacture beer containing 2 3-4 per cent alcohol reached the supreme court yesterday through appeals filed by the government from federal court decrees in Baltimore quashing indictments brought against the Standard Brewing company, under the food control act of 1917.

Because of the importance of the question in connection with the enforcement of the war-time prohibition act, court officials expect the government to ask that the case be expedited. Unless this were done a decision probably would not be handed down until after prohibition by constitutional amendment became effective.

Miss Bay Smith has returned to Roanoke, Va., after spending some time at home.

FIGHTING STOPS ON RUMANIAN FRONTIER

By the Associated Press.
London, Tuesday, July 22.—A bolshevik delegation has arrived at Kishineff with an offer of peace to the commander of the Rumanian Dniester troops on behalf of Nikolai Lenine, the bolshevik premier, according to a Berlin government wireless dispatch.

Nikolai offers to cede Bessarabia to Rumania on condition that Rumania shall prohibit Ukrainian citizens and bands of Admiral Kolchak, head of the all Russian government at Omsk, from crossing the Rumanian frontier.

An armistice to last eight days has been concluded on the Rumanian frontier.

MADE NO TRADE ON RACIAL QUESTION

By the Associated Press.

Paris, July 23.—The Japanese delegation to the peace conference today issued a denial that the Shantung settlement in the peace treaty was in exchange for the withdrawal of the racial clause in the treaty.

MUCH STRONGER THAN VOTE SHOWS

By the Associated Press.

Paris, July 23.—(Havas Agency)—Premier Clemenceau, who won for his cabinet a vote of confidence late yesterday in the chamber of deputies, emerged from the conflict stronger than the test vote showed.

The final vote of confidence on a resolution by Deputy Semyan approving the government's declaration of policy showed confidence in the government by 289 to 176, a majority of 113.

SENATOR PAGE IS AGAINST IT ALL

By the Associated Press.

Washington, July 23.—Senator Page of Vermont bluntly outlined his objections to the peace treaty to President Wilson at the white house today and told him that he would not support the league of nations.

Senator Sterling of South Dakota, another white house caller, said neither he nor the president mentioned the Shantung settlement. They discussed article ten of the league of nations covenant, referring to the protection of nations against "external aggression" and to withdrawal of nations from the league.

Rev. L. N. Taylor, who has been the guest of Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Stroup at the rectory for several days, returned to Roanoke, Va., today.



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AMERICA'S MOST BE-ME-DALED HERO

Sergeant Victor Peterson to whom had just been awarded by General Pershing personally, the Congressional Medal of Honor for having single-handedly captured an entire German battery of light field pieces and held it against all comers. For this performance France also gave him the Military Medal and the Croix de Guerre and he has been cited for the Victoria Cross, the British Distinguished Service Medal and the Belgian War Cross. Insert: Corporal Berger Loman also medal winner.

NEW SCHEME OF OPERATION OF ROADS

By the Associated Press.

Washington, July 23.—Private ownership and operation of railroads merged into 20 or 30 great systems under the supervision of a federal transportation board with a statutory rule of rate making assurance to the roads a net return of six per cent was offered to the house commerce committee today as the plan of the national transportation conference.

Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, former president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, explained that hearings had been held for six months at which the shippers, railroad men, labor union officials and bankers have been heard.

The plan evolved was said to be a combination of the best features of plans already put forward with some new elements assembled into what the conference regarded as a harmonious whole.

CAPE FEAR RIVER AGAIN RISING AT FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville, July 23.—The Cape Fear river, after falling three feet, began rising again early yesterday and at 5 o'clock last afternoon it stood at 43 feet, the highest stage previously reached during the present freshet. In the opinion of the United States weather observer, Frank Glover, it will rise one or two feet higher but will not overflow anything but the river bottoms which are already under water. The heavy rains continuing in this county are considered a more serious menace to crops than is the river.

Mrs. W. M. Jones and children of Charlotte are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Moser. They will spend the summer here.

Mrs. F. E. Land and children of Erwin, Tenn., who have been guests of Mrs. T. W. Shuford, left this morning for a visit to relatives near Newton.

ONLY SPORADIC FIRING IN CAPITAL LAST NIGHT

Race Rioting Kept Down by Large Force of Soldiers and Marines, One Guardsman Killed and Another Seriously Wounded—Much Concern Over Matter

CONSOLIDATION SEEMS TO BE BETTER PLAN

West Hickory, July 23.—Everything is very quiet in our town at present and the mayor has but very little legal business to attend to.

The general topic for discussion in West Hickory at present seems to be the new school building. Some of the citizens of the town think that West Hickory ought to build the school house alone and a number of others think that it would be best for West Hickory, Longview and Houcks Chapel districts for the higher grades, locating the school so that it would be convenient enough for all the three districts to attend. The matter has been thoroughly discussed pro and con. It seems a majority are in favor of consolidating. Mr. and Mrs. John Mace spent Sunday with relatives at Enola.

Mrs. Joe Mace and Mr. Bryant Mace of Gaffney, S. C., are here visiting Mrs. M. J. Lackey.

Mr. J. P. Huffman who has been fixing looms at Rhodiss for several months has resigned his position there and is working at the Ivey mill again.

The Sunday school of Bethany Lutheran church of West Hickory will have their annual picnic on July the 31. They are going to Bakers Mountain as usual.

Capt. J. L. Scruggs superintendent of the Ivey Mill and Squire G. T. Barger motored to Drexel one evening last week.

T. J. L.

TEN PERSONS KILLED IN BERLIN MEETING

By the Associated Press.

Berlin, Tuesday, July 22.—Ten persons were shot during disorders which attended the breaking up of a majority Socialist meeting by communists and Spartacists here yesterday. Those attending the meeting in the trades union building attempted to lynch the man who fired the shot, but he was saved by hospital assistants.

CITY GIVES CANTEN A HANDSOME LIFT

Contributions to the Hickory canteen are coming in more rapidly than a few weeks ago, but still the supplies are not equal to the emergency. Cash contributions also are being made and last night the city of Hickory, through council, made a donation of \$100. The canteen is doing splendid work and it cannot close until the first of September. The better it is supported until the day its door is closed the better will the soldiers be treated and the greater will be the glory of all who have helped in the good work.

Miss Edna Edwards left this morning for Lenoir in the interest of fire prevention leagues.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, July 23.—The cotton market opened with renewed strength today with all the active months making new high records owing to continued rains in the south and the strong opening of the stock market. Active months sold 38 to 41 points above last night's closing during the early trading.

	Open	Close
October	35.80	35.41
December	36.10	35.65
January	35.97	35.65
March	36.02	35.60
May	35.80	



For North Carolina: Local showers and thunderstorms probably to night and Thursday; no change in temperature, moderate south and southwest winds.

By the Associated Press.

Washington, July 23.—Although there was sporadic firing of firearms in some of the negro districts until early this morning, the major casualties in last night's clashes between whites and negroes consisted of only one white man killed and another probably fatally wounded. Scores were wounded in varying degrees as a result of fists, clubs and the wielding of knives, but in none of these was it believed that the injuries would prove fatal.

The man killed last night was Isaac B. Haelbinger and the seriously wounded man was Benjamin Belmont, both members of the home defense guard, and who were shot down on the street by a negro while doing duty in one of the black districts.

Despite the fact that the capital was an armed camp, the fourth night of the race warfare was less violent than Monday when four persons were killed outright and nearly a dozen injured.

The closing of pool rooms, picture houses and other places where crowds of negroes might gather to prevent the police from keeping order, prevented congestion.

As on Monday night the aggression last night came from the blacks and not the whites following the outbreaks. Practically all trouble occurred in the city.

Sale of fire arms and ammunition in the city have been stopped and with the military in control, the authorities expressed the belief that further trouble would be avoided.

Marines Keep Crowds Moving. With the exception of its lower portion, Pennsylvania avenue between the White house and the capitol practically was clear of crowds as darkness fell. In the portion about Seventh and Ninth streets, opposite one of the negro districts of the southeast section, there were crowds of white civilians, but marines stationed a few yards apart kept them moving.

The police reported that a number of posters signed by negro ministers urging members of their race to stay within their homes and to preserve order had appeared about the city.

Quiet During the Day. There were no disorders during the day, but at nightfall police and troops supplemented by additional detachments of regulars from Camp Meade and marines at Quantico, Va., took up their stations in grim preparation for what the hours of darkness might bring.

A statement issued by the government authorities denied that the situation had become more serious any time last night when riot calls were sounded from half a dozen places at a time. The authorities also decided not to ask that martial law be declared, although resolutions introduced in the house during the day urged that the president be requested to take that action.

President Wilson took cognizance of the situation yesterday when he called Secretary Baker to the White house for a conference on steps that might be taken by the military in co-operation with the civil authorities to prevent recurrence of the outbreaks. The President was understood to be greatly concerned over the events of the last three nights in the capital.

After the conference, Secretary Baker announced that the troops ordered from Camp Meade constituted "a very large number" and that Maj. Gen. William G. Haan would be in command. Secretary Daniels said a substantial force of marines had been ordered in for the night duty.

Cavalry again played a part in the police work, holding lines about the congested negro sections to prevent mob attacks by either blacks or whites. Police and soldiers again struggled to keep the downtown thoroughfares clear of crowds.

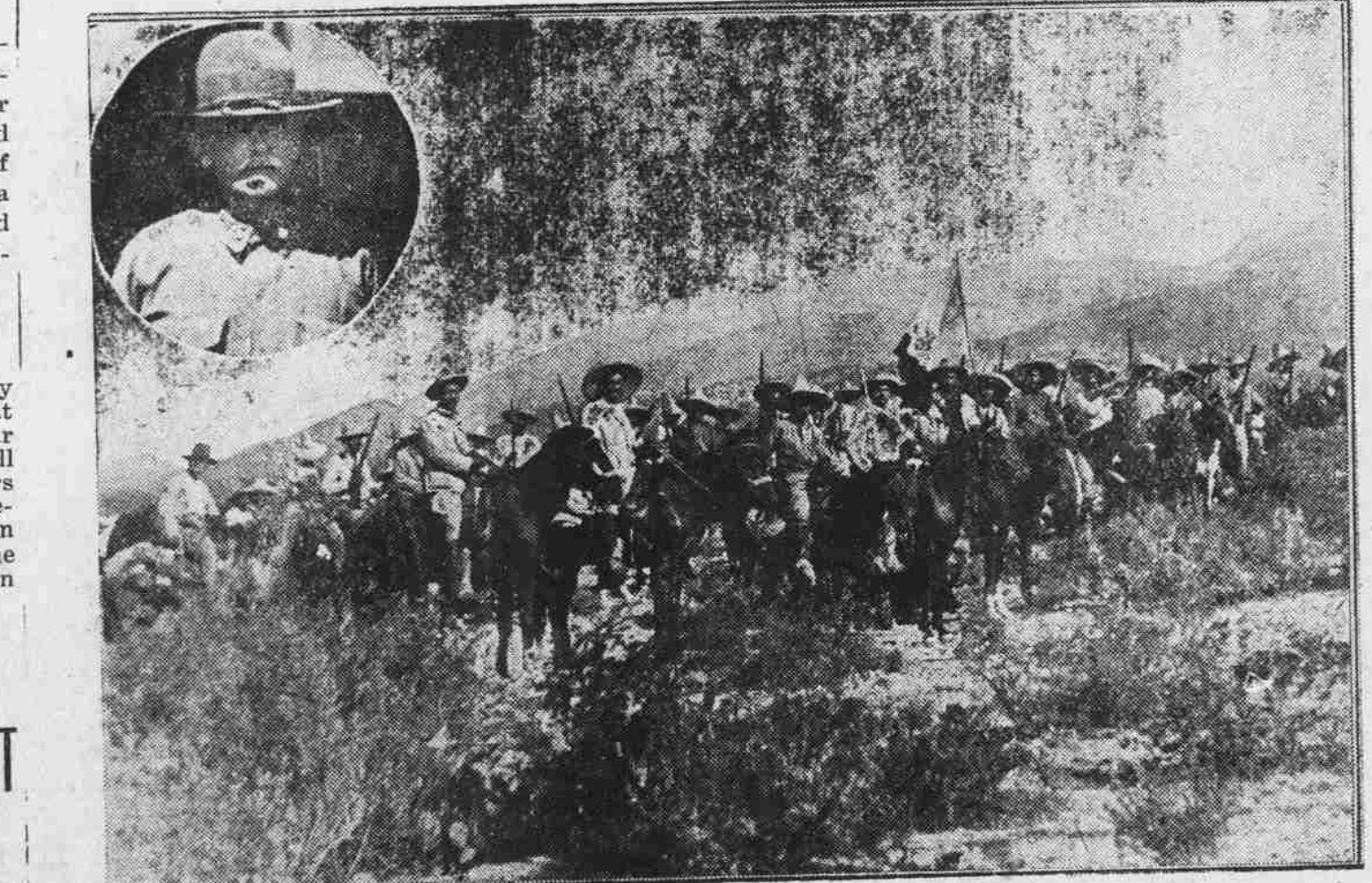
The scattered nature of the attacks through the three nights of disorder in Washington has expedited the situation difficult. While rioting was at its worst downtown panic stricken negroes fired indiscriminately from the barricaded doors or windows of their homes. Others whirled through more outlying streets in automobiles firing wildly at any whites they saw.

VETOES MEASURE FOR THAT LIGHT BEER

By the Associated Press.
Harrisburg, Pa., July 23.—Governor Sprout today announced his veto on the bill to legalize 2.75 per cent liquors.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith and daughters have returned from the mountains where they spent a week. Mr. Smith's health is some better.

Rev. W. Gladys, of Lincolnton were guests of relatives in the city today enroute on a visit to Lenoir.



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VILLA'S FORCES ON THE OUT SKIRTS OF JUAREZ

Contingent of Villa raiders, part of the Mexican rebel chief's army, was routed by U. S. troops when their shots struck American lives of citizens there. Insert: Major Gen. Cabell, U. S. A.